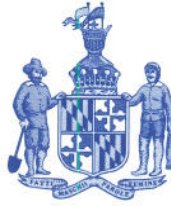


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**University System of Maryland Auditor Charged with Theft from the  
State of Maryland**

State Prosecutor, Robert A. Rohrbaugh, announced that a criminal information was filed today against William L. Lewis, a manager in the University System of Maryland Internal Auditing Office, stemming from a continuing investigation.

The charging document alleges that Mr. Lewis, 53, of Towson, was submitting payroll timesheets indicating he was working full forty (40) hour work weeks when in fact, he was not at work forty hours per week. A review of Lewis' payroll records revealed that he was not using annual, sick, nor personal leave for his absences from work. Instead, over the course of a nine week period, he fraudulently submitted time sheets for nearly seventy hours of pay which he did not earn.

Mr. Rohrbaugh stated, "Auditors are the persons responsible for detecting waste, fraud and abuse. They will be held accountable when they violate that trust."

If convicted of the Misdemeanor Theft Scheme charge, Mr. Lewis faces a maximum penalty of 18 months incarceration, and/or a fine of up to \$500.00. Although Mr. Lewis has been charged, he is presumed innocent unless and until he is convicted. A criminal summons has been issued and no court date has been set.

For further inquiries, contact Senior Assistant State Prosecutor Shelly Glenn.